

Teachers! Take Note!

Judging and Prizes

Works of art will be evaluated and selected based on artistic merit, content including relevance to chosen theme, and on originality. Winners and teachers will be notified on or after June 6, 2016.

Four prizes will be awarded in each category. Each winner will receive a copy of their art, and an award certificate. Winners in categories 1-3 will each receive two tickets for a boat ride on a Padelford boat and two tickets to the Science Museum of Minnesota, including the Omni Theater. Winners in category 4 will receive 2 tickets for a boat ride on the Minneapolis Queen and 2 tickets to Mill City Museum.

One winner in each category will be selected as a grand prize winner and will also receive a pair of binoculars and a guide book. Prizes will be mailed to the home address of the winning students.

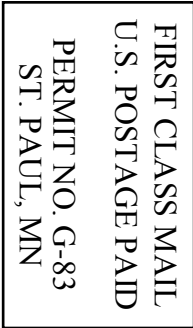
The teacher of the Big River Journey (BRJ) category grand prize winner will receive a free BRJ trip for up to 30 students. Teachers of grand prize winners in America’s River and Caring for the River categories will each receive a free trip (not BRJ, up to 30 students) on a Padelford Packet boat during the 2016-2017 school year. The teacher of the grand prize winner in the Journey to the Falls category will receive two tickets for a brunch cruise on the Minneapolis Queen.

Winning Art

Submitted artwork becomes the property of the National Park Service. Artwork will not be returned. Non-winning entries may be picked up by calling 651-293-8414 to make arrangements before July 31, 2016.



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U.S. Department of the Interior
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
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Big River Art Contest
2016

Connecting students to the science, heritage, and
stewardship of the Mississippi River since 1998



Novi Czyncon, Como Park Elementary

Open to all students, grades 3-6
Entry deadline: June 3, 2016

Big River Art Contest

Five Important Rules

1. Entrants must be in grades 3,4,5, or 6. Each student may submit one work of art.
2. Choose one of the following categories:
 - America's River
 - Caring for the River
 - Big River Journey (field trip participants only)
 - Journey to the Falls (field trip participants only)
3. All entries must be original works, on 11" x 17" paper, flat and signed.
4. Artwork may be created using any of the following: pastels, crayon, watercolor, paint, colored pencil, marker, printmaking or flat collage. Original verse or a stewardship message may be included as part of the artwork.
5. On the back of the artwork, **Clearly print**:
 - Student's name, grade, home address, phone # and email
 - School's name and address
 - Teachers' name, email, and phone #
 - Category theme

**Art must be received at NPS by 4:30pm
on Friday, June 3, 2016**

Teachers should submit packets of entries to:
Art Contest
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
111 East Kellogg Blvd., Suite 105, St. Paul, MN 55101

Ideas to get you started

1) America's River

Help the National Park Service celebrate its 100th anniversary by illustrating the Mississippi River's importance to our country!

- The Mississippi River is a place for journeys.
- The Mississippi River is a home for fish and wildlife, and a migratory flyway.
- The river has played many roles in history.
- The Mississippi River shapes the land.
- Corn, soybeans and wheat are transported by barges and ships navigating on the Mississippi River.
- Many cultures have known this river.
- What was the river like 100 years ago?
- The river's watershed includes 31 states!
- The river is a place for fun and recreation—like fishing, paddling, and exploring.

2) Caring for the River

Here are some message and picture ideas:

- Drink Water? Care for the river, our water source!
- Your street flows to the river
- Show how YOU keep the river clean
- Leave no pollution- ride a bike, turn off lights, reuse, recycle, do a clean-up with friends
- Do you like wildlife? Save its habitat!
- Plant native trees and plants
- Pick up litter and pet waste. Keep our river Clean!

3) Big River Journey Field Trip (BRJ)

4) Journey to the Falls Field Trip (JTF)

Categories 3 & 4 are about what you did, learned or saw as part of Big River Journey or Journey to the Falls.

- What did you see or do at Fort Snelling State Park?
- What did you see or do at Mill Ruins Park, at the archaeological dig or at the lock and dam?
- Draw the boat; include yourself and your friends watching birds, animals, the shore, other boats.
- What will you remember most from your field trip?